Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes killed one child under the age of four and injured 115 children in South Dakota in 1989; and,

WHEREAS, Ninety-four percent of children under four killed in crashes and 83 percent of those injured from 1980 through 1989 were not in safety seats; and,

WHEREAS, Research shows that the correct use of a child passenger protection device is 70 percent effective in preventing death and 67 percent effective in preventing injury; and,

WHEREAS, A 1987 Office of Highway Safety survey found only 25 percent of children under five years of age were protected by an occupant restraint while traveling South Dakota roads; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota, as well as all other states and the District of Columbia, has enacted a law requiring the use of child passenger protection systems; and,

WHEREAS, More children under the age of five are killed or crippled as passengers involved in motor vehicle crashes than the total number of children killed or crippled by the seven most common childhood diseases--pertussis, tetanus, diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella and polio; and,

WHEREAS, February 11-17 is being observed nationwide as National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11 through 17, 1990, as

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to observe the week by correctly restraining all children who ride in their vehicles and by working to increase the correct usage of child safety seats throughout the state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE